



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

**PROCLAMATION
HOSPICE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2003**

WHEREAS, home care and hospice services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to those in need, especially at times of community or personal health care crisis,

WHEREAS, home care and hospice services allows families to stay together, and provides for greater health, dignity and comfort in our communities; and

WHEREAS, home care and hospice in the United States are growing alternatives to hospitalization or other institution-based forms of health care for acute, chronic and terminal illnesses, providing care to millions of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, thousands of everyday heroes such as home care and hospice nurses, therapists and aides work tirelessly to provide professional health and palliative care and support to millions of Americans in need of quality health services; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated home care and hospice professionals and volunteers form a support network that continues to play a vital role in health care delivery for our nation's disabled, infirm and aging population; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2003, **HOSPICE MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

Signed,
John Hoeven
GOVERNOR

Attested,
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State